



General Assembly

February Session, 2016

Raised Bill No. 5534

LCO No. 2176



Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by:
(PH)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE PRACTICE OF NATUROPATHY.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 20-34 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2016*):

3 (a) The practice of naturopathy means the science, art and practice
4 of healing by natural methods as recognized by the Council of
5 Naturopathic Medical Education and that comprises diagnosis,
6 prevention and treatment of disease and health optimization by
7 stimulation and support of the body's natural healing processes, as
8 approved by the State Board of Naturopathic Examiners, with the
9 consent of the Commissioner of Public Health, and shall include (1)
10 counseling; (2) the practice of the [mechanical and material] physical
11 and therapeutic sciences of healing as follows: [The mechanical
12 sciences such as mechanotherapy] Corrective exercise therapy for
13 rehabilitation, articular manipulation, [corrective and orthopedic
14 gymnastics,] physiotherapy, hydrotherapy, electrotherapy and
15 phototherapy; and the [material] sciences such as nutrition, dietetics,
16 phytotherapy [,] and treatment by natural substances and external

17 applications; (3) ordering diagnostic tests and other diagnostic
18 procedures; [as such tests and procedures relate to the practice of
19 mechanical and material sciences of healing as described in
20 subdivision (2) of this subsection;] (4) ordering medical devices and
21 durable medical equipment; and (5) removing ear wax, spirometry,
22 tuberculosis testing and venipuncture for blood testing.

23 [(b)] For purposes of [subsection (a) of this section] this subsection,
24 "natural substances" means substances that are not narcotic substances,
25 as defined in subdivision (30) of section 21a-240, do not require the
26 written or oral prescription of a licensed practitioner to be dispensed
27 and are only administered orally.

28 (b) (1) A person licensed to engage in the practice of naturopathy in
29 accordance with the provisions of section 20-37, may engage in the
30 practice of advanced naturopathic care, provided such person has
31 successfully completed a drug pharmacology review course or
32 curriculum involving not less than forty-five contact hours of
33 education approved by the State Board of Naturopathic Examiners and
34 signed a statement attesting that he or she has satisfied such
35 requirement on a form prescribed by the Department of Public Health.

36 (2) Each licensee who is applying for license renewal pursuant to
37 section 19a-88 and intends to engage in the practice of advanced
38 naturopathic care shall, in addition to meeting the continuing
39 education requirements of section 20-41a, as amended by this act, earn
40 a minimum of fifteen contact hours of continuing education relating to
41 drug pharmacology and sign a statement attesting that he or she has
42 satisfied such requirement on a form prescribed by the department.

43 (3) For purposes of this subsection:

44 (1) "Contact hour" has the same meaning as provided in section 20-
45 41a, as amended by this act; and

46 (2) "Advanced naturopathic care" means prescribing, dispensing

47 and administering (A) nonprescription natural substances, (B)
 48 nonlegend drugs, and (C) provided the State Board of Naturopathic
 49 Examiners approves, all legend drugs except (i) intracardiac,
 50 intraosseous, intrathecal and intravitreal medications, (ii) schedule I
 51 controlled substances, (iii) schedule II controlled substances of cocaine,
 52 methamphetamine and methadone, schedule III substance of
 53 ketamine, (iv) antineoplastic agents classified as legend drugs, (v)
 54 typical and atypical antipsychotics and barbiturates prescribed in
 55 stand-alone form, (vi) general anesthetics, gold compounds,
 56 antiarrhythmia drugs and isotretinon, (vii) roentgenographic agents,
 57 radiopharmaceuticals and radioisotopes, (viii) oxytocics and glaucoma
 58 drugs, (ix) antithrombotic agents and complement inhibitors, (x)
 59 biologic response modifiers and disease modifying antirheumatic
 60 drugs, (xi) immunosuppressive agents, antithymocyte globulin
 61 (equine) or (rabbit), basiliximab, belatacept, belimumab, cyclosporine,
 62 mycophenolate, sirolimus and tacrolimus, and (xii) agents
 63 abobotulinumtoxinA, botulinum toxin, canakinumab, cinacalcet,
 64 dalfampridine, incobotulinumtoxinA, lanreotide, miglustate,
 65 nitisinone, octreotide, onabotulinumtoxinA, rilonacept,
 66 rimabotulinumtoxin A and sapropterin.

67 Sec. 2. Subsection (b) of section 20-41a of the general statutes is
 68 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
 69 *October 1, 2016*):

70 (b) Except as otherwise provided in this section, for registration
 71 periods beginning on and after October 1, 2009, a licensee applying for
 72 license renewal for the practice of naturopathy shall earn a minimum
 73 of fifteen contact hours of continuing education within the preceding
 74 registration period. Such continuing education shall (1) be directly
 75 related to the practice of naturopathy; and (2) reflect the professional
 76 needs of the licensee in order to meet the health care needs of the
 77 public. A licensee who is applying for license renewal and intends to
 78 practice advanced naturopathic care, as defined in section 20-34, as
 79 amended by this act, shall additionally earn a minimum of fifteen

80 additional contact hours of continuing education relating to drug
81 pharmacology. Qualifying continuing education activities include, but
82 are not limited to, courses, including on-line courses, offered or
83 approved by the Association of Accredited Naturopathic Medical
84 Colleges, regionally accredited institutions of higher education or a
85 state or local health department.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2016</i>	20-34
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2016</i>	20-41a(b)

Statement of Purpose:

To define "advanced naturopathic care" and describe the requirements for practice of advanced naturopathic care.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]